

Attachment I

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PROGRAM AND PROJECT RECORDS

What this schedule covers. This schedule designates appropriate retention of NASA program and project records produced through compliance with NPR 7120.5 or other authorized project management practices. It provides for permanent retention of substantive and historically significant records, and temporary retention of other records until the Agency no longer needs them. The terms "program" and "project" are defined in the current versions of NPD 7120.4 and NPR 7120.5. This schedule applies to all activities performed as part of programs/projects whether designated "tasks," "work packages," or other terminology.

What this schedule does not cover. Records generated by some supporting activities such as procurement, financial management, property and supplies, personnel administration, and legal and patent issues are covered by other NASA records schedules. Questions about which schedules apply to specific records should be addressed to the Center Records Manager.

Office(s) of Record. As used in this schedule, Office of Record refers to that office holding the official record copy of a specific record when multiple copies are used across offices, projects and centers. Most typically this is the office that creates and maintains the record, although specific offices may be designated, when appropriate, to hold official records generated across the program or project. In some cases there may be more than one official copy of a record when it has separate independent functions in different organizations.

Media. This schedule covers records in any and all media, in any and all formats, and produced using any and all tools. Records may include, but are not limited to, word processing documents, presentation materials, statistical data, test data, spreadsheets, databases, e-mail, e-messages, photographic materials, audio materials, film and video materials, drawings, and artwork.

How to use the Notes. Notes 1, 2, and 3 list documents perceived to have permanent, long-term temporary, or short-term temporary value, respectively. These lists are intended to be inclusive rather than exclusive. They are to assist in selection, not to preempt selection. Program/project staff must exercise case-by-case judgment to ensure that permanent records are identified and retained while other records are destroyed appropriately. In cases of doubt about what item to apply, users of this schedule should contact their center records manager.

Item	If the records pertain to	and consist of	which are	then the records are
101	programs/projects relating to both manned and unmanned space flight, aerospace technology research, and basic or applied scientific research AND meeting one or more of the following criteria: are "first of a kind," establish precedents, produce major contributions to scientific or engineering knowledge, integrate proven technology into new products, or are/have been subject of widespread media attention or Congressional scrutiny.	records essential for understanding the history of a program/project from inception to completion defined by the stages in program/project's life. Note 1 contains a list of eight stages and potential records that might be created in each.	held at office of record	permanent. Cut off records at close of program/project or in 3-year blocks for long term programs/projects. Transfer to records center storage. Transfer to National Archives 7 years after cutoff. Special media records will be transferred in accordance with 36 CFR § 1228.270 (electronic records), 36 CFR § 1228.266 (audiovisual records), 36 CFR § 1228.268 (cartographic and architectural records), and/or current transfer instructions specific to individual formats.
102			all other copies	temporary. Destroy/delete when no longer needed.